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I JUST found out about this vital deadline. And am SO VERY frustrated that I just found out. Where is the communication by the city to inform citizens and make sure they know to comment? Yes, the pandemic makes it so hard but what about the newsletter. What about signs to have people get informed. It is absolutely on us to take the time to learn what is at stake and email (etc) our thoughts but it is ALSO the responsibility of the city to inform!!!! I know harder with no local paper so then it becomes even more vital for the city to be more creative. It's not enough to just rely on a facebook post or randomly assume people will "find out". The city must do better. More email newsletters. More ways that people can be engaged and informed citizens. Step up in the city newsletter. And website. I just looked and MAYBE there is something there about this vital issue but it sure wasn't available easily.
I do take responsibility as a citizen to take the time to be informed but I'm equally frustrated that something as vital as this is to the future of what our city will look like, will pass by and 98% of residents won't comment BECAUSE THEY DID NOT KNOW. This is utterly shameful.

I am also writing this email to support the scope of the EIS. There must be a commitment to look at water resources, plants and animals, land use, plans and policies, population and housing, and transportation. Sammamish is a unique place, on the edge of the rural area without any highways within its city limits. The land use patterns need to match the limited ability to improve transportation. We have a wildlife corridor and no highways! We aren't redmond. We need to save the trees.
Thank you

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